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Serial Nos. 1-3

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SUBJECT:

Proposal of the Retrenchment Committee to abolish the post of Officer in charge of Meteorology.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

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FILE HEADING.

Proposal of the Retrenchment Committee to abolish the post of the Officer in charge of Meteorology.

From

Branch II

No. Fc 1347/8/7 88-12-7 Dated 1. 9. 13 Received

Diary No. 2524	Enclos. 2 Spare Copies. .	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

In continuation of Our. No. 3339-43 & 10.12.12, forwards copy of letter No. 212 R&I & 27.10.12 from the President & members of the Retrenchment Committee and extract of its enclosure No. I for disposal and intimation of the result to the Financial Branch for note.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Our. of the 27th Oct. 1912 referred to above relates to the Committee's proposal to abolish the post of Military Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja and his Assistant.

2 In the present reference, the recommendation of the Committee is to abolish the separate post of Chief Observe

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in charge of the Central Observatory, Bangalore, the duties pertaining thereto being entrusted to an Assistant Professor of the Central College as an additional charge on a suitable allowance (Rs 100), and to give effect to this proposal as soon as the present Chief Observer retires or is otherwise provided for. Reasons for such recommendation are stated to have been set forth in Annexure II which has not been received.

(1) Please ref. This. SPR 17/10

(4) Subd.

3 The present Chief Observer, Mr. N. Venkatesa Iyengar was, in addn to his duties as such, a Science Assistant in the Central College till 1st January 1895, when on the recommendation of Mr. Cook, he was appointed full time Chief Observer. The connected file on the subject has been submitted as reference to Gm. File No. 158 of 1913, in connection with the proposal to change the designation of Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar into the Meteorological (X) Reporter. A history of his case has been given in the last named file.

Flag Z in File No. 144-1892 (limited) No 7125-8 & 7-11-1894 + 714-92

(5) (2) These files are necessary for the disposal of this case SPR 17/10

(X) His designation has since been changed. Vide Govt. Order No. 4868/Gm 158-13-4 dated 29.12.13 Flag S

Subd 14.10.13 (6) With refce to the marginal remarks:

(1) It is ascertained from Branch II that the Meteorological Deptt is not one of the subjects dealt with in Annexure II.

Subd 27.10.13 (2) These files are ascertained from the Council Section, to be under circulation to Councillors

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(7) Please await the return of the files for some time

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(8) The file (Gen. File No. 158 of 1913 Sl 1) is subd, along with the other files refd to therein as directed.

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Secy 9. Case worker is by an inperson.

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10. The GPO is not in possession of information and in what are all he in his GPO Retrocorporal Respects & whether there is Superannuated work for a full time officer. If his work cannot be conveniently tacked on to some suitable officer, with a suitable allowance, if necessary. 11 If approved, his Retrocorporal Observer will be asked respectfully to forward report on his above points, before the matter is taken up for determination by Govt

1st member

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12 I agree.

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	14 Draft subd 9A 16.4.14 BR 15. Please put in pencil 16. Revised draft subd 9A hms 17.4.14 17 Draft approved with slight revision Dated 29/4 18
2	To the Meteorological Reporter - D.O. No. 8877 dt 4.5.14 Requests him to furnish full particulars about the duties that a Meteorological Reporter has generally to perform, whether and how there is sufficient work for a whole time officer & whether the work cannot be assigned to some other Off. with a suitable allce if necessary.

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3	From the Meteorological Reporter No. 495 & 14. S. 14 submits a report on the duties of the Meteorological Reporter &c, as called for in Sl. 2.
	19 In connection with the proposal of the Retrenchment Committee to abolish the separate post of the Meteorological Reporter, Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar had been written to demi-officially enquiring I what were all the duties in general of the Meteorological Reporter, II whether and how there was sufficient work for a whole time officer and III whether the work could not be assigned to some other officer with a suitable allowance, if any. The connected file has been sent to the Efficiency Audit Branch on requisition on the 19th instant.
Since ret. of Mr. Cook	20 In reply, he now states that prior to Mr. Cook's retirement, his duties as Chief Observer were to see (1) to the smooth working of the various meteorological instruments in the Observatory. (2) to the reliability of observations. (3) to the correctness of the tabulated records of self registering instruments. (4) to the efficiency of the Meteorological Office, in fact everything connected with the work of the Dept. Since Mr. Cook's retirement, Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar states he has, in addn to the above, been in administrative charge of the Deptt and is exercising general

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supervision over the Central Observatory directing the work carried on therein.

21 As regards II, Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar states that if the work of the Deptt has to be done by the existing ~~the~~ number of hands, a whole time officer is necessary.

22 With refce to point III, he expresses the opinion that if the scale of pay of the Establishment of the Bangalore Observatory is revised, and 2 additional Observers are sanctioned, and the present Meteorological Reporter provided with some suitable appointment elsewhere, the duties of the Meteorological Reporter may be assigned to some other Officer with a suitable allowance, as there would then be an efficient Chief Observer to look after the Observatory and office work.

Sub? 23 I think as opined by Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar himself that the Strength of Observers may be increased & the Office of the Meteorological Reporter combined with a Professorship in the Central College but was of the time that Dr Cook was here

1st member) 24 May lie over till I inspect the Office. Remind soon after return from Ootacamund.

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25 Re-subd with refce to paragraph 24 above.

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26 This would be possible if we enhance the status of the 2nd man & other officials of the Department. I believe Mr V. Iyengar is at present doing the work & well & has a fair amount of work. If however he is taken for other work, this may be thought of. At present, the question may be dropped.

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27 May the file be sent to the Efficiency Audit Branch for note and return.

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Subd GA bus 29.6.14

Noted and Returned.

Secretary

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GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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DIARY No. 2524.

Office Memorandum.

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FILE No. 180 of 1913-14
SERIAL No. 1

To

Dated Bangalore, the 1st Septr. 1913.

In continuation of Office Memorandum No.3339-43 dated the 10th December 1912 forwarding the resolutions and recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee to the administrative Branches concerned, a copy of letter No.212/R.C.dated 27th October 1912 and extract of its annexure No.1 is also forwarded for consideration and disposal, the result being intimated to the Financial Branch for note.

By order,

Sd/ T.Lakshminarasimha Rao

For Secretary to Government.

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Enclosure to G.O. (1) (2)

Letter No.212/R.C. dated 27th October 1912 from the Presidon and the Members of the Retrenchment Committee.

With reference to para 5 of Government Order No.Fl.4604-53/ G.F.442-10 dated the 3rd April 1911 reconstituting the Retrenchment Committee and defining its work, we have the honour to submit our first report for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. Nine meetings of the Committee were held on the dates noted in the margin. The resolutions of the first six meetings copies of which were forwarded to Government unofficially from time to time were reviewed in a consolidated form in the 7th and subsequent meetings; and a list of the resolutions finally adopted by the Committee with their definite recommendations is herewith submitted for orders. (Annexure 1)

1st Monday 26th June 1911
2nd Wednesday 28th June 1911
3rd Monday 3rd July 1911
4th Monday 7th August 1911
5th Monday 4th September 1911
6th Friday 8th September 1911
7th Saturday 4th May 1911 and Monday 6th May 1911
8th Saturday 18th May 1912
9th Wednesday 17th July 1912.

3. The important resolutions of the Committee as set forth in the above mentioned list have been dealt with in some detail in annexure II. Brief accounts of the several appointments in respect of which retrenchment is proposed with reasons for the Committee's recommendation are set forth therein for the information of Government.

4. If the Committee's proposals as embodied in the list be accepted and sanctioned, there will be a probable saving of ₹133400 per annum in the recurring expenditure of the State. Out of this amount reductions to the extent of ₹21400 on account of the marginally noted offices can be brought into effect only —

Abolition of post
1. Curator, Oriental Library 4200
2. Officer in charge of Archaeology. 4200
3. do do Meteorology 3000
4. Superintendent Amrut Mahal 7200
Reduction
1. Superintendent, Revenue Survey 1000
2. Deputy Superintendent Do 1800

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change of incumbents.

5. The Committee would recommend that, with a view of giving early effect to their recommendations that may be accepted and sanctioned by Government, officials in superior service and menials be retired strictly at the age of 55 and 60 respectively.

6. The Committee's work is proceeding and further reports will be submitted in due course as final resolutions are passed.

7. This report which was expected by Government by the 1st January 1912 was unavoidably delayed for various reasons, the chief of them being the absence of the President and the members in connection with the Coronation Durbar of 1911 at Delhi and the leave of absence of the Comptroller and Secretary to the Committee subsequently.

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No.	Subject.	Ref. to Resolutions	Committee's Final Recommendations to Government for orders	Probable savings.	Remarks.
10	**Scientific & Minor Departments.**				
	(3) Abolition of the separate post of officer in charge of Meteorology.	8th 111.1.9.(4) 9th 11.1.9.(4)	The separate post of Chief Observer in charge of the Central Observatory Bangalore, may be abolished, the duties of this officer being given to an Assistant Professor of the Central College as an additional charge on a suitable allowance. Savings (Ultimate) 4200- 1200	Rs3000	The proposal may be given effect to as soon as the Present Chief Observer in charge retires or is otherwise provided for.
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Diary No. of letter replied to 2524

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To

N. Venkatesa Iyengar Esqre, B.a.,

Meteorological Reporter to Govt,

Bangalore.

Date of issue 4. 8. 14

Signed by Dr. T. L. R. Rao

My dear Sir,

~~Dear Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar,~~

I am desired to ask you to furnish for the information of Govt, full particulars about the duties that a Meteorological Reporter has generally to perform and show whether there is sufficient work for a ~~Whole~~ full time officer ~~or~~ and ~~if not~~, whether the work cannot be assigned to some other officer, with a suitable allowance,

over.

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if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary

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(7) DIARY No. 8272

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No. 495.

From

N. Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq., B.A.,
Meteorological Reporter,
Mysore Government.

To

D.M. Narasinga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Dated Bangalore, the 14th May 1914.

Sir,

In reply to your office letter No. G. 8877 dated the 4th May 1914, I have the honor to submit at the outset that the designation of Meteorological Reporter was dropped many years ago in British India. The former Reporters to the several local Governments are now known as Meteorologists, such as Meteorologist, Bombay, Meteorologist, Madras , &c. and the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India is designated Director General of Indian Observatories.

2. Coming now to the point raised in your office letter, I beg to submit that, shortly after the Meteorological Observatory (Second Class) at Bangalore was opened in 1892, Mr. J. Cook, the then Principal of the Central College, was appointed Meteorological Reporter to the Government of Mysore, and when the Observatory was raised to the rank of First Class by the installation of autographic Meteorological instruments in a suitable building

erected for the purpose, his designation was changed to Director of Meteorology in Mysore. As Meteorological Reporter and Director of Meteorology in Mysore, he drew an allowance of ₹100/- a month. When he retired in April 1908, Government were pleased to put me in charge of the Department in addition to my legitimate duties as Chief Observer in the Bangalore Observatory. From 1st January 1914, my designation was changed to Meteorological Reporter Mysore Government. As Meteorological Reporter and Director of Meteorology in Mysore, Mr. Cook was in administrative charge of the department and exercised general supervision over the Central Observatory directing the work carried on therein. As Chief Observer, I was responsible for the smooth working of the various Meteorological instruments in the Observatory, for the reliability of the observations, the correctness of the tabulated records of the self-registering instruments, the efficiency of the Meteorological Office, and in fact everything connected with the work of the department. Since his retirement, I have been doing not only my duties as Chief Observer but also the duties of Director of Meteorology. The mere change of my designation to Meteorological Reporter, Mysore Government, has not in the least lightened my responsibility as Chief Observer nor changed the character and quantity of my work. On account of the shortage of hands in the Observatory, the scale of establishment of which was fixed many years ago having in view only the immediate requirements of the department just then formed, I have been doing a lot of routine and other work.

3. If, as at present, the Meteorological Reporter has to continue to do the duties of Chief Observer for want of a sufficient number of hands, in addition to general and administrative work, a wholetime officer is absolutely necessary.

4. In case Government be pleased to revise the scale of pay of the establishment of the Bangalore Observatory and strengthen the staff by sanctioning the appointment of two additional Observers to cope with the increasing work, and also provide the present Meteorological Reporter with some suitable appointment elsewhere, the duties of the Meteorological Reporter might be assigned to some other officer with a suitable allowance as there would then be an efficient Chief Observer to look after the Observatory and office work.

I have the honor to

Sir,

Your most obedient serva

A. Venkatesa Iyengar

Meteorological Reporte
Mysore Government.

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From

The Meteorological Reporter,
Mysore Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. & Rev. Depts.

Dated } 14th May 1914.
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Submitting particulars about the question whether a wholetime officer as Meteorological Reporter to Government is necessary or not.